have been identified under this programme. The details of funds released .and utilized in these circles are given below:

Rupees in Crores

Karnataka		Status of Funds			
Circles Name	Cost of Project	APDP Fund Sanctioned	APDP Fund Released	Loan Sanctioned	Fund Utilized
Belgaum Bijapur Mysore R&Mof Generation	114.52	57.26	57.26	57.26	57.26
	44.48	24.24	24.24	24.24	24.24
TOTAL:	159.00	81.50	81.50	81.50	81.50

The States have also been asked to identify 5-6 additional circles to be taken up for upgradation of sub-transmission distribution system under APDRP schemes. The funds for the projects identified under the APDRP are released in accordance with the schedule drawn up in consultation with the Planning Commission, Ministry of Finance and the Implementing Agencies. The progress made can be assessed only after completion of the time schedule drawn up for the project.

Efficient models for T and D of electricity

1564. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is studying the Berlin and Paris models for distribution of electric energy to reduce agregate transmission and commercial loss of electricity; and

(b) if not, whether Government is evaluating other and more efficient models for transmission and distribution of electric power so as to ensure uniterrupted supply of electricity to consumers without faulty billing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTIMEHTA): (a) and (b) Recognizing the critical importance of reforms in the distribution sector, the Government has studied the conditions prevailing in the power sector in Europe, United States of America and-some Latin

American and South East Asian Countries. These studies have been useful in undertaking massive reforms and restructuring in the power sector in India for ensuring improvement in the transmission, distribution and metering of electricity. However, international experiences could at the most only serve as a guideline. In totality they are not fully relevant as the conditions prevalent in India are significantly different from those in the other countries.

Under construction power projects in U.P.

1565. PROF. M.M.AGARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of power projects under construction in the State of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the total amount spent so far on construction work of those projects;

(c) the total funds still required to complete the on going projects; and

(d) the time-schedule fixed by Government to complete such projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Presently, Rihand Super Thermal Power Station (STPS) St. II (Unit 3 and 4) (2x500 MW) (NTPC) is the only power project under construction in the State of Uttar Pradesh.

(b) The total amount spent by NTPC on the construction works of the project upto June, 2002 is Rs. 298.68 crore.

(c) The total funds required for completion of the construction of this project are estimated to be Rs. 3750.81 crore.

(d) Unit-3 was originally scheduled to be commissioned in November, 2005 but is now scheduled for commissioning in August, 2005. Similarly, Unit-4 was originally scheduled to be commissioned in August, 2006 but is now scheduled for commissioning in May, 2006.

Techno-economic clearance for the expansion project of M/s. Jindal Tractebel Power Company Ltd.

1566. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state: